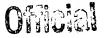
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## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is an Amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination, together with the fees for the RCE, for a petition for a 3-month extension of time, and for a terminal disclaimer. The appeal filed on 05/10/2003 is hereby withdrawn, and this application is amended as indicated on the following sheets. With the requested extension of time, this paper and the accompanying Request are timely filed.